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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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. Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
- Applicant must submit \$ 770 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- The oath or declaration is missing. A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is \$900 for a Large Entity

\$770 Statutory basic filing fee.

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PATENT APPLICATION

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Docket No: **Q80870**

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Appln. No.: 10/816,194

Group Art Unit: 2612

Confirmation No.: 7525

Examiner: not yet assigned

Filed: April 02, 2004

For: METHOD, APPARATUS, DATABASE, AND PROGRAM FOR IMAGE PROCESSING

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(B) - FILING DATE GRANTED

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Sir:

In response to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b) - Filing Date Granted," mailed **June 18, 2004** for the above application, Applicant respectfully submits herewith a copy of the Declaration for the above identified application properly executed by the inventors. Also enclosed please find a Submission of Priority Documents with two (2) certified copies, a Application Data Sheet, and an executed Assignment and PTO Form 1595.

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Checks for the statutory fee of \$900.00 and Recordation of Assignment Fee of \$40.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

When the application was filed, the transmittal letter indicated that there were four independent claims. Applicant notes, however, that there are five independent claims in this application. Applicant also notes that the Notice to File Missing Parts does not assess any fee for excess independent claims. Since there are five independent claims, an excess independent claims fee of \$172.00 is due. Please charge this fee to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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